

**Amendments to the Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) In an image forming apparatus comprising at least an image carrier, charging means, exposing means and developing means, at least one of said charging means, said exposing means and said developing means is inhibited from being unlocked from said image forming apparatus when said image carrier is present on said image forming apparatus or is allowed to be unlocked from said image forming apparatus when said image carrier is absent on said image forming apparatus.

2.-200. (Canceled)